

M E M O R A N D U M

To: **BEND CITY COUNCIL**  
FROM: **BEND TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
SUBJECT: **SEPTEMBER 18, 2012 MEETING MINUTES**

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Bend Traffic Safety Advisory Committee  
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Bend City, Public Works Director—Chair  
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Bend City, Fire Department  
Bend City, Police Department  
Bend/LaPine School District  
Deschutes County Road Department  
Oregon Department of Transportation  
Citizen Members

Nick Arnis  
Thomas Stump (Absent)  
Collin Stephens (Absent)  
David Howe  
Cory Darling  
Denice Blake  
George Kolb (Absent)  
Joel McCarroll  
Harold Anderson  
Erik Huffman  
Michael Toney (Absent)  
Rex Wolf

City Staff

Cindy Hartman  
Robin Lewis

City of Bend  
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Guests

Bill Padgham  
Mike Lovely  
Kent Garliepp  
Sami Fournier  
Casey Bergh  
Kim Curley  
Charity Sturgeon  
Jovi Anderson

Citizen, CWNA  
Citizen, SBNA  
Citizen, OFDNA  
Citizen, RWNA  
Kittelsohn & Associates  
Commute Options  
ACTS Oregon  
Bend MPO

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

- 1) **Welcome & Introductions:** Chair, Nick Arnis welcomed members and guests, introductions were made. The group welcomed CDD representative Colin Stevens
- 2) **Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Arnis called for a vote on the minutes for July 17, 2012 a motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes.
- 3) **Agenda Review:** Mr. Arnis asked if there were any changes or additions to the agenda. None given.
- 4) **Public Comments:** Bill Padgham reported that the Westridge connection to the school is working smoothly, at the beginning of the school year the students were climbing over the fence but a neighbor has been working with them and they have stopped. Mr. Padgham feels that the connection is underutilized but that may be because the bus ridership is up.

## **5) Bridge Program update**

OSU intern Hanna D'Acci has developed a data base of all bridges in the City of Bend City limits. Ms. D'Acci identified the ownership, the type, location, and maintenance of each of the 154 bridges and culverts in the City. She also has created an ongoing log of mitigation, repair and replacement schedule. Ms. D'Acci gave her presentation and the group congratulated her on a job well done.

## **6) Arterial & Collector Safety Update**

Mr. Arnis explained the status of the Arterial Collector Traffic Safety Project and how the team is using the data collected to understand the cause and effect of the highest crash locations. He introduced Robin Lewis to give an update on the progress of the team. Robin reported that they are now in the Diagnosis phase of the project.

Ms. Lewis notes that Bend is not unique in that we can benefit from some technology and education. The recent project for signal efficiency is part of that, where left turns are now permitted in a permissive phase and focusing on education for Bike riders to wear reflective clothing and to equip their bikes with lights. She made a presentation on the current phase and that her next step is to get this proposal out for peer review, she will be asking the TSAC group for their review as well as doing some other forms of public outreach. There is a good chance that at least some of the projects will get placed on the CIP budget, and some of the smaller ones will be implemented using City staff. Nick suggested that after the TSAC group reviews her final draft that they make a recommendation to the City Council.

## **7) Safe Streets Presentation**

Kim Curley and Brian Potwin of Commute Options, Charity Stergeon of ACTS Oregon, and Jovi Anderson of the Bend MPO joined together to present Safe Streets a power point presentation that can be used by other civic groups to promote safe transportation. There are a number of messages that can be presented including:

Walking School Bus, DUII, Speeding, Distracted Driving, Failure to Obey, Crosswalks, Share the Road, Watch out for the Other Guy, among other programs.

Brian Potwin instructs safe biking in the Safe Routes To School Program. He explained the five principles: Awareness, Visibility, Assertiveness, Predictability, and Courtesy. He also teaches bike law in the diversion classes. He gave a short presentation on safe cycling.

## **8) Police Enforcement Update and Information Items**

Captain, Cory Darling shared the news that grants have been received to help with seatbelt and DUII enforcement. The police also got an equipment grant for a reader board that captures speed data.

## **9) Information Items**

Nick Arnis reported he is hoping to work with the Neighborhood Chairs on Thursday with the CSR's involving traffic issues. He has worked with the sub-committee of Kent Garliepp, Rex Wolf, Harold Anderson and Jim Gattey on this issue.

Rex Wolf asked about Murphy Road Crossing, he wanted to know if the whole project will go to bid in May 2013, Mr. Arnis said that the two roundabouts would be separate.

### **Items for next month agenda:**

None given.

Adjourn 9:45 AM

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, October 16, 2012, 8:15 AM, City Hall Council Chambers.